

The Light of the World (John 8:12)

Sermon Devotional

Series: I Am Statements of Jesus
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1. What is it about the dark that makes so many children (and some adults!) afraid of it?
2. When a light is turned on, what feelings are experienced by a child who fears darkness?

Digging Deeper

3. Read John 8:12-19 or access Pastor David's message at broadviewchurch.com/media.
4. Jesus said, "I am the light of the world" (v. 12). What does that statement imply about the spiritual condition of our world?
5. Jesus also said, "He who follows Me will not walk in the darkness, but will have the light of life" (v. 12). When we physically walk in a room where there is no light, we might stumble over obstacles we cannot see. What do you think the word "walk" means in Jesus' statement?
6. When Jesus was accused of only testifying of himself, he said that there is someone else who testifies about him. According to verse 18, who is that other person?
7. There is a mistaken belief among many people that God the Father changed into God the Son on earth. But according to Jesus (who is God the Son), God the Father is a distinct Person. God the Father and God the Son were distinct Persons even before Jesus became a human. In verse 18, Jesus said that the Father sent him. The Father's decision to send Jesus obviously happened prior to the action of Jesus being sent. Do you believe what the Bible teaches about God—that God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit are three distinct Persons, yet all equally God and all perfectly unified with one another?

Bringing It Home

8. According to Jesus in verse 12, after Jesus revealed himself as "the Light of the world," he said, "He who follows Me...." Many people can remember a time when they decided to believe in Jesus, but now they no longer actively follow him. If this describes you, what do you believe Jesus would have you do today?
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